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PENNSYLVANIA STATE REPORTS, Vol. XXIX. Comprising cases adjudged in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. By JOSEPH CASEY, State Reporter. Vol. V. Containing cases decided in May and October Terms, 1857. Philadelphia: Kay & Brother, Law Booksellers, Publishers and Importers, 19 S. Sixth street. 1858. pp. 588.

Mr. Casey's fifth contribution to our Reports is on our table. It is much in the same style as its predecessors, and presents in a very fair manner the several cases marked "to be reported." Some of the more important cases in this volume, we have already presented to our readers at the time the opinions were pronounced, but some others are here to be found, of great value, discussed, adjudicated and reported in a manner which leaves no room for complaint. We feel bound to commend the Index as really containing in a compact and comprehensible shape, a brief but perfectly intelligible synopsis of the contents of the volume. The work is printed and bound in the usual style of the Pennsylvania Reports.

A TREATISE ON THE LAW OF SUITS BY ATTACHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. By CHARLES D. DRAKE, of St. Louis, Mo. Second edition, revised and enlarged. With an Appendix, containing the leading statutory provisions of the several States and Territories of the United States, in relation to suits by attachment, and a Treatise on Foreign Attachment in the Lord Mayor's Court of London, by JNO. LOCKE. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. 1858. pp. 767.

One would have supposed that a book on the law of attachment must of necessity be quite local in its character, and not adapted to general use throughout the Union. But experience shows that a book may not only be made, but may be so well digested, and so general in its plan, that successive editions are called for.

It is a peculiar feature of this treatise that it is essentially American: of 1185 cases cited, but *eleven* are English; and the author justly observes, "the universal use of this remedy fills our reports with cases presenting every variety of questions, and the lapse of time and the accumulation of adjudications seem to make no sensible diminution in the annual number of reported cases, nor any great difference in their novelty or their interest. Hence a work of this description reflects in a high degree a legal system

and a branch of jurisprudence peculiarly our own ; and I confess to somewhat of satisfaction at being instrumental in presenting to the bar of the United States a volume which, without intentionally slighting what is to be found in the English reports on the subject, may be justly claimed to be thoroughly American." According to our belief, after a pretty full examination, the learned author has entirely succeeded in making his work methodical, perspicuous, accurate, and sufficiently full for all professional purposes, and we commend his labors unhesitatingly to our brethren as covering a field not heretofore eared, in a manner that cannot fail to command the approbation and thanks of the student and practitioner.